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2-12-76)

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1. SUMMARY:

THIS HAS BEEN THE MOST PRODUCTIVE WEEK OF THE
CAMPAIGN. A TOTAL OF 2,141 OPIUM FIELDS WERE DESTROYED
DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 18
OF THESE FIELDS, ALL THE DESTRUCTION OCCURED IN ZONE I
AND OF THAT, 1,845 FIELDS WERE DESTROYED WITH THE USE
OF HERBICIDES. END SUMMARY.

2. ERADICATION

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(A) STATISTICAL SUMMARY

ZONE I - STATES OF SONORA, SINALOA, DURANGO
AND CHIHUAHAUA:

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 278

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 356,244

PLANTS DESTROYED - 7,154,700

NURSERIES - 4

HECTARES - 35.62

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 1,845

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 3,976,072

PLANTS DESTROYED - 151,652,395

HECTARES - 397.6

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 110

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 218,566

PLANTS DESTROYED - 4,675,326

HECTARES - 21.8

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 77

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 200,250

PLANTS DESTROYED - 5,918,050

HECTARES - 20.0

ZONE II - STATES OF JALISCO, NAYARIT, COLIMA,

ZACATECAS AND MICHOACAN.

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

(NONE)

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 6

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 850

PLANTS DESTROYED - 8,500

HECTARES - 0.85

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MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 29

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 181,100

PLANTS DESTROYED - 1,811,000

HECTARES - 18.1

NURSERIES DESTROYED - 4

HECTARES - .004

SQ METERS - 42

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

(NONE)

ZONE III - STATES OF GUERRERO, MORELOS & OAXACA

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 12
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 35,950
PLANTS DESTROYED - 1,438,000
HECTARES - 3.59

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES
(NONE)

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 3
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 10,900
PLANTS DESTROYED - 666,000
HECTARES - 1.09

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES
(NONE)

TOTAL CUMULATIVE ERADICATION STATISTICS (ALL
3 ZONES)

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 2,313
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 9,024,792
PLANTS DESTROYED - 62,436,201
HECTARES - 902.47
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OPIUMS FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 4,235
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 158,970,185
HECTARES - 15,897.02

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 1,104
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 3,489,133
PLANTS DESTROYED - 81,435,551
HECTARES - 348.9

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 368
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 1,113,250
HECTARES - 111.3

(C) PERSONNEL DEPLOYMENT

NO CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT

E. AVIATION OPERATIONS:

REPORTING PERIOD: FEBRUARY 5-11, 1976.

1. NUMBER OF HOURS FLOW

A. MODEL 212: 128:45 HRS; AVAIL 68.7 PERCENT

B. (1) MICRO FOIL UNITS: HRS FLOW: 37.35

NOTE: REPORTS NOT RECEIVED ON XC"BET

B. MODEL 206-B: 54:38 HRS; AVAIL 56.3 PERCENT

(1) SIMPLEX II UNITS: HRS FLOW: 22:18

NOTE: ONLY 2 UNITS REPORTED TIMES

AND THESE DO NOT REFLECT THE FULL

SEVEN DAY WEEK.

C. CESSAN 185: 25:00 HRS; AVAIL 82.3 PERCENT

D. AERCOMMANDER: 5:40 HRS. UNABLE TO COMPUTE
MEANINGFUL PERCENTAGE OF AVAILABILITY BASED ON
DATA SUBMITTED.

NOTE: THE ONLY TIME REPORTED WAS FOR

XC-CON: THE TWO MOPSS RETROFITTED UNITS (XC-GOZ

AND XC"BEL) DID NOT REPORT TIMES FROM CULIACAN.

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2. MAINTENANCE:

A. SENIOR STAFF MEMBER SOLIS AND NAU PROGRAM

OFFICER TOURED THE NEW AG HANGAR FACILITIES TO DETERMINE
STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS. ALTHOUGH THE CONSTRUCTION
ENGINEER STATED THE FACILITY IS SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE IN
EARLY MARCH, A MORE REALISTIC DATE IS LATE MARCH. THE TWO-STORY
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING COULD BE RELEASED THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY
16 FOR OCCUPANCY AS THE CONGESTION IN THE OLD HANGAR IS CHAOTIC
AND IMPEDES WORK FLOW. SOLIS PLANS TO MOVE INTO THE NEW OFFICES
THIS MONTH. THE FORMAL INAUGURATION OF THE HANGAR IS UNDER THE
DIRECTOR CONTROL OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

B. BELL HELICOPTER COMPANY (BHC) BACKSTOP OFFICER

JOHN VETTER ARRIVED ON 9 FEBRUARY FOR A THREE-DAY CONSULTATION
ON PROGRESS UNDER THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY CONTRACT AND TO
DISCUSS THE NEW FUNDING REQUIREMENTS GENERATED BY THE INTEGRATION
OF THE ADDITIONAL TWO STOL AIRCRAFT AND THE JET-POWERED CESSNA
CITATION. THIS MATTER WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL.

C. THE NINE BHC CONTRACT MECHANICS ARRIVED ON THE

EVENING OF MONDAY, 9 FEBRUARY, AND WERE WORKING ON DOWNED
HELICOPTERS THE FOLLOWING MORNING AT THE AG HANGAR. FIVE OF THE
NINE MECHANICS (THREE COLOMBIANS AND TWO U.S. CITIZENS) ARE NOW
IN CULIACAN AS PART OF THE AG MAINTENANCE TEAM. THE OTHER FOUR
WILL REMAIN IN MEXICO CITY TO ASSIST IN THE BACKLOG OF WORK AT THE
AG HANGAR. IN SUM, THE NEW MECHANICS HIT THE GROUND RUNNING AND
EAGER TO WORK. THERE WERE TRACES OF RANKLED FEELINGS BY AG

MECHANICS BUT THESE SHOULD FADE AFTER TECHNICAL RAPPORT IS DEVELOPED.

D. THE AG'S ACTING CUSTOMS AGENT (BALLESTEROS) ACCOMPLISHED THE RELEASE AND/OR DELIVERY OF CRITICAL COMPONENTS AND SPARE PARTS WHICH WERE BEING HELD IN BOTH MEXICO CITY AIRPORT AND LAREDO CUSTOMS. SOME OF THESE ITEMS HAD BECOME "AIRCRAFT ON GROUND" (AOG) DURING THE TIME SPAN ORDERED. THE AG OFFICE NOW SURPASSES THE U.S. EMBASSY ON EXPEDITIOUS PROCESSING OF CUSTOMS RELEASE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CLEARANCES AT THE AIRPORT WHILE THE LAND SHIPMENTS THROUGH LAREDO STILL TAKE AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF TIME. IN MOST CASES THE TIME LOSS IS ATTRIBUTED TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN CUSTOMS BROKER IN LAREDO AND AG ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE IN MEXICO CITY.

3. AVIATION:

A. THE TWO STOL AIRCRAFT ARRIVED OVERDUE IN MEXICO CITY ON FEBRUARY 12 DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS EN ROUTE AND MINOR MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS WITH THE USED UNIT. AG SENIOR STAFF SELECTED FOUR HIGH-TIME PILOTS TO TRANSITION TO STOL IN THE ZONE I AREA. ONE OF THE TRAINEES IS A MEXICAN AF PILOT (CAPTAIN PADILLA) WHO TOOK UNLIMITED LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND WAS RECRUITED INTO AG AERO SERVICES.

B. SENIOR STAFF MEMBER MARISCAL INFORMED STEERING COMMITTEE THEY HAVE RECRUITED A MEXICAN AF MAJOR UNDER THE SAME TERMS AS CAPTAIN PADILLA. MAJOR DELGADO-REYES HAS EXCELLENT CREDENTIALS IN AVIATION, SPEAKS ENGLISH, RECEIVED TRAINING IN THE U.S. AND COULD BE THEIR BEST CANDIDATE FOR CHIEF OF OPERATIONS. MAJOR DELGADO WILL BE COMPETING AGAINST ANOTHER RECENT RECRUIT HIRED FROM PEMEX, WHO IS REPORTED TO HAVE OVER 2,000 HOURS OF MODEL 212 TIME AND KNOWS THE COMMERCIAL ASPECT OF ROTARY WING AVIATION.

C. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT DR. GERTZ AND HIS SENIOR STAFF HAVE INITIATED A STRONG RECRUITING CAMPAIGN AND ARE EMBARKED ON A DRIVE TO UPGRADE THE PILOT PROFICIENCY IN THE AG RANKS. THEY ARE COGNIZANT THAT DISCIPLINE HAS BEEN LAX IN THE PAST AND PROFESSIONAL ATTITUDES LEAVE MUCH TO BE DESIRED.

D. THE ABRUPT RESIGNATION OF ENGINEER OCTAVIO RANERO LEFT SOLIS WITH UNFULFILLED PLANS WHICH HE HAD ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED TO COORDINATE BETTER THE DIVERSE ACTIVITIES IN ZONE I AT THE CULIACAN BASE HEADQUARTERS. ONCE MORE, THE COMMAND STRUCTURE HAS DRIFTED BACK TO FOUR

SEPARATE COMMANDS CONSISTING OF FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE
AGENTS, PILOTS AND MECHANICS; THE MOPSS COMPLEMENT: AND
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THE MILITARY, WITH NO CLEAR CUT COMMAND CHANNELS AND NO
VERTICAL DISSEMINATION OF ORDERS OR INFORMATION EMANATING
FROM A CENTRAL COMMAND. NOTWITHSTANDING THIS LACK OF
OVERALL COORDINATION, THE ERADICATION CAMPAIGN CONTINUES
TO PROGRESS.

EF. MOPSS AND OTHER DETECTION SYSTEMS:

AS OF FEBRUARY 12, 1976, SIXTY-ONE MISSIONS HAVE
BEEN FLOWN. HOWEVER, THIS IS A CONTINUOUS TOTAL FROM
LAST YEAR. A TOTAL OF 38 MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN 1975.
THERE, 23 MISSIONS HAVE BEEN FLOWN SINCE JANUARY 5,
1976. THE MEXICAN TEAM IS BECOMING MORE PROFICIENT IN
THE OPERATION OF THE MOPSS SYSTEM AND THE PILOTS AND
PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE WORKING WELL TOGETHER. THE ON TRAC
NAVIGATION SYSTEM HAS BEEN TRIED AND ALTHOUGH WE STILL
EXPERIENCE SOME DIFFICULTIES, WE ANTICIPATE THAT THESE
WILL BE CORRECTED AND THAT THE SYSTEM WILL BE HELPFUL.
ONE OF THE AEROCOMMANDERS EQUIPPED WITH THE PHOTO EQUIP-
MENT IS UNDERGOING 100 HOUR INSPECTION BUT SHOULD BE
AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 16, 1976. THE OTHER
AEROCOMMANDER IS APPROXIMATELY 8 HOURS AWAY FROM ITS 400
HOUR INSPECTION AND IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR IT TO BE
RETURNED TO MEXICO CITY WHERE THE WORK WILL BE PERFORMED.
WE ANTICIPATE THAT THIS AIRCRAFT WILL BE OUT OF SERVICE
FOR AT LEAST A WEEK. MISSION 61 WAS THE FIRST MAJOR
VERIFICATION MISSION FLOWN SOLELY FOR THIS PURPOSE. IT
COVERED THE AREA NORTH OF SAN JOSE DEL LLANO AND WE EX-
PECT THAT THIS MISSION WILL BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO
DETERMINE HOW EFFECTIVE THE HERBICIDE SPRAYING HAS BEEN,
ESPECIALLY, THE SPRAYING BY 212 HELICOPTERS, WHICH HAVE
BEEN EXTENSIVELY USED IN THIS AREA. OF MAJOR CONCERN
IS THAT THE MOPS OUTPUT APPARENTLY HAS NOT BEEN
EFFECTIVELY USED BY THE BASE OF OPERATIONS AT
CULIACAN, SINALOA. THE POSITION OF THE COORDINATOR,
LICENCIADO DURAN, IS THAT THE MOPSS SYSTEM IS NOT
NECESSARY TO LOCATE OPIUM FIELDS SINCE THERE ARE
LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF FIELDS TO BE SPRAYED. HOWEVER,
IT IS HOPED THAT THE VERIFICATION OPERATION WILL
POINT OUT THE VALUE OF THIS SYSTEM.

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G. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. AG TECHNICIAN TERRONES WAS ASSIGNED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE HF-SSB 150-WATT BASE STATION TRANSCEIVERS DESTINED FOR THE PLANNED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK IN ZONE I. THIS WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL HF CHANNELS BETWEEN CULIACAN, SAN JOSE, CHOIX AND MAZATLAN, AND ESTABLISH HF COMMUNICATIONS TO TOPIA, LOS MOCHIS, AND GUAMUCHIL, WHERE PRESENTLY NONE EXIST. THE DISTRIBUTION OF TWENTY-FIVE HF-SSB 20-WATT PORTABLE TRANSCEIVERS FOR THE AIRBORNE ERADICATION TEAMS IS ALSO INCLUDED. INSTALLATION OF THIS EQUIPMENT IS AN INTEGRATED PROGRAM AND WILL EVENTUALLY PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN ALL BASES, AIRCRAFT, AND GROUND ERADICATION TEAMS THROUGHOUT THE ZONE.

THE PRESENT VHF/FM BASE STATION/MOBILE NETWORK EXTENDING FROM LOS MOCHIS TO CULIACAN TO MAZATLAN WILL BE INCREASED BY TEN MOBILE UNITS. ADDITIONALLY, AN HF-SSB 150-WATT BASE STATION WILL BE INSTALLED AT CULIACAN WHICH, COMBINED WITH SEVERAL HF-SSB 20-WATT PORTABLE SETS EMPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE ZONE, WILL FURTHER INCREASE THE INTERDICTION COMMUNICATIONS COVERAGE. ONE STATION, OF THE PLANNED HF-SSB AIRCRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE NETWORK BETWEEN MEXICO CITY, CULIACAN, URUAPAN AND ACAPULCO, WILL BE INSTALLED AT CULIACAN. A 150-WATT BASE STATION TRANSCEIVER FOR THIS PURPOSE HAS JUST BEEN INSTALLED AT MEXICO CITY (AG HANGAR) AND IS NOW UNDERGOING TESTING.

A FIELD MAINTENANCE FACILITY AT CULIACAN EQUIPPED WITH TEST EQUIPMENT WILL ALSO BE ESTABLISHED. A U.S. COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST IS AVAILABLE AT CULIACAN TO PROVIDE ADVISORY AND OTHER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AS REQUIRED.

2. INSTALLATION OF THE 150-WATT HF-SSB BASE STATION AT URUAPAN HAS BEEN DELAYED PENDING A DECISION TO RELOCATE THE OPERATIONS BUILDING.

H. HERBICIDES

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1. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AG AIRCRAFT IN CULIACAN REACHED TWENTY MACHINES CONSISTING OF TEN MODEL 212'S, FIVE MODEL 206-B'S, TWO AERO COMMANDERS AND THREE CESSNA 185'S.

2. ALL FIVE MODEL 212 MICRO-FOIL UNITS ARE IN ZONE I PLUS FOUR MODEL 206-B SIMPLEX II UNITS.

3. SENIOR STAFF MEMBER SOLIS ADMITTED THAT SHORTLY AFTER HIS VISIT TO ZONE I, THE ORDER WAS GIVEN (NOT BY

HIM) TO THE PILOTS TO CEASE AERIAL SPRAYING OPERATIONS
AFTER TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING DUE TO WIND CONDITIONS.

4. IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE AND OTHER PROBLEMS,
STEERING COMMITTEE HAS SCHEDULED A MEETING WITH SOLIS
AND MARISCAL ON 17 FEBRUARY TO UNDERSCORE THE UNDER-
UTILIZATION OF THE SPRAY AIRCRAFT AND THE EVERGREEN
CONTRACT INSTRUCTOR/PILOTS DURING THE RECENT REPORTING
PERIOD. AFTER SEVERAL CONSECUTIVE WEEKS INDICATING
A SIGNIFICANT UPWARD TREND ON A WEEKLY BASIS, FOR NO
APPARENT REASON THERE WAS A DOWNWARD TREND IN ALL TYPES
OF AIRCRAFT FLOWN. WE ARE NOW USING THE HOURS FLOWN BY
SPRAY EQUIPMENT RETROFITTED MODEL 206-B'S AND MODEL 212'S
AS THE BEST BAROMETER TO DETERMINE PROGRESS IN THE EF-
FECTIVE ERADICATION OF POPPY FIELDS.

5. POOR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT IS ONCE MORE HAMPERING
THE OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN ZONE I, AS FUEL TRANSPORTA-
TION THE BASES AND STORAGE FACILITIES AT THE BASES IS
NOT ADEQUATE. THE ARRIVAL OF THE STOL AIRCRAFT SHOULD
ALLEVIATE THE FUEL TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM.

3. INTERDICTION

ZONE I - STATES OF SONORA, SINALOA, DURANGO AND
CHIHUAHUA.

11.755 KILOGRAMS HEROIN
.039 GRAMS COCAINE
2,774 KILOGRAMS MARIHUANA
3 GRAMS HASHISH
600 KILGRAMS SECOBARBITAL
11 KILOGRAMS UNIDENTIFIED DANGEROUS DRUGS (D.D.)
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625,000 DOSAGE UNITS (D.U). BENEZEDRINE
40,000 D.U. BENEZEDRINE
3 PRESSES
15,000,000 EMPTY CAPSULES
15,500,000 D. U. SECOBARTITOL
2 AIRCRAFT
19 WEAPONS
46,359 CARTRIDGES AMMO
9 VEHICLES
83 DEFENDANTS (4 AMERICAN CITIZENS)

ZONE II - STATE OF JALISCO, NAYARIT, COLIMA,
ZACATECAS AND MICHOACAN.
26 KILOGRAMS MARIHUANA
4 VEHICLES
9 DEFENDANTS

ZONE III - STATES OF GUERRERO, MORELS, OAXACA

846,550 KILOGRAMS MARIHUANA

1 KILOGRAM MARIHUANA SEEDS

9-1/2 CIGARETTES

7 PRESSES

3 GRAMS HASHISH

30 GRAMS HALLUCINOGENIC MUSHROOMS

5 WEAPONS

16 CARTRIDGES OF AMMO

5 VEHICLES

25 DEFENDANTS (7 U.S. CITIZENS)

TOTAL CUMULATIVE INTERDICTION FIGURES (ALL 3 ZONES)

59 KILOGRAMS 339 GRAMS HEROIN

149 KILOGRAMS 410 GRAMS OPIUM GUM

1 OPIUM PRESS

220 GRAMS MORPHINE BASE

8. HEROIN CONVERSION LABORATORIES

7. KILOGRAMS 534 GRAMS COCAINE

4,090,000 D.U. MINI-BENNIES

23 GRAMS BENZEDRINE

122,500 D.U. BENZEDRINE TABLETS

5 D.U. LSD

6 PILL PRESSES

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1 KILOGRAM 360 GRAMS PEYOTE

185 D.U. AMPHETAMINES

550 D.U. MANDRAX PILLS

600 KILOGRAMS SECOBARBITOL

15,500,000 D.U. SECOBARBITOL

15,000,000 EMPTY CAPSULES

11 KILOGRAMS ADDITIVES FOR PILLS

1 SECOBARBITOL LABORATORY

6 KILOGRAMS 9 GRAMS HASHISH

106 TONS 493 KILOGRAMS 550 GRAMS MARIHUANA

251 KILOGRAMS 900 GRAMS MARIHUANA SEEDS

7 MARIHUANA PRESSES

30 GRAMS HALLUCINOGENIC MUSHROOMS

1 SHIP BOAT

132 AUTOMOBILES

29 TRUCKS

2 TRAILER TRUCKS

16 AIRCRAFT

738 DEFENDANTS

318 WEAPONS

181,561 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION

20 STICKS OF DYNAMITE

B. USE OF INTERDICTION VEHICLES

NO CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT.

G. MISSION ANALYSIS OF TRENDS

NO CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT.

4. COMMENTS:

DR. GERTZ ESTIMATES THAT THE DESTRUCTION OPERATION IN ZONE I WILL BE CONCLUDED WITHIN TWO WEEKS. THIS MAY BE A BIT OPTIMISTIC ON THE PART OF DR GERTZ. HOWEVER, IF THEY CONTINUE AT THE RATE OF DESTRUCTION WHICH WAS SEEN DURING THIS REPORTING WEEK, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE DESTRUCTION OPERATION IN ZONE I COULD BE COMPLETED AS PREDICTED BY DR. GERTZ.

DR. GERTZ'S PLAN IS TO BRING TO MEXICO CITY THOSE AIRCRAFT THAT ARE IN NEED OF MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION
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AND OTHERS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO ZONE III TO BEGIN DESTRUCTION OPERATIONS AND WORK THEIR WAY UP AGAIN TO ZONE I SO AS TO TERMINATE THE INTENSIFIED ERADICATION CAMPAIGN BY MID-APRIL.

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